**Distance learning.**

Have you ever wondered what is distance learning? DL is sometimes called e-learning, it is a formalized teaching and learing system specifically designed to be carried out remotely by using electronic communications.

Because dl is less expensive to support and is not constrained by geographic considerations it offeres opportunities in situations where traditional education has difficulty opperating.

The history of distance education could be tracked back to the early 1700s but technology-based distance education might be best linked to schools in the early 1900s, initially it relied on the development of [postal services](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Mail)

The [University of London](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/University_of_London) claims to be the first [university](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/University) to offer distance learning [degrees](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Academic_degree), establishing its [External Programme](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/University_of_London_External_Programme) in 1858.

The development of [computers](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Computer) and the [internet](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Internet) have made distance learning distribution easier and faster and have given rise to the 'virtual university, In 1996 [Jones International University](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Jones_International_University) was launched and claims to be the first fully online university [accredited](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Educational_accreditation) by a regional accrediting association in the US.[14]

Why DL??

The biggest motivation behind dl has been social changes.

Over the years, individuals, businesses and the military have been looking for alternative ways to higher education because of thier lifestyles and the changing demands of the economies.

Since the internet is so popular online DL colleges have emerged such as

Capella Uni (which was est in 1991), Uni of Phoenix (which launched and online programe in 1989) ,Grand canyone Uni and many more, mostly in the US

Who uses?

DL is being used by just about everyone involved in the education procces.

Starting from high school stu, the military , the gov and those pursing continuinge education.

DL is being used for ongoing purposes

To reach underserved and adv stu.To reach stu in different geographical locations

Course enrichment ,Cost saving and just intime triaining to individuals in remote locations